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Amendment and Response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action mailed February 18, 2005, setting a three-month shortened statutory period for reply up to and including May 18, 2005. A one-month extension of time is filed herewith extending the period for reply up to and including June 20, 2005 (June 18 being a Saturday).

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper

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